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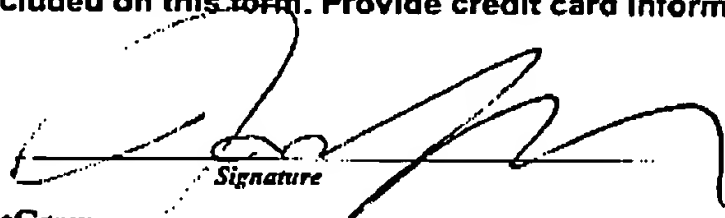
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)					Docket No. 77682-247 /aba	
Applicant(s): XIXIAN CHEN, ET AL						
Application No. 09/702,768	Filing Date November 1, 2000	Examiner Kevin Kim	Customer No. 07380	Group Art Unit 2634	Confirmation No. 9403	
Invention: TIME DIVERSITY SEARCHER AND SCHEDULING METHOD						
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 21, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.